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ABSTRACT

This study examines the effect of financial crises, stock market liquidity and contagion on stock market development (*SMD*) in the ASEAN – 5 countries using aggregate panel data over the period of 1990 – 2014. Mean comparison analysis is employed to test the *SMD* differences for pre – and post – crises period. Traditional panel analyses; Random Effects Model is utilized to test the effect of stock market liquidity on the *SMD*. Then, the Seemingly Unrelated Regression Analysis (SUR) is applied to examine the contagion effect of the United States' stock market performance on the *SMD* of ASEAN – 5 countries. Results of mean comparison analysis show that the *SMD* of Malaysia, Thailand and Singapore are significantly different after Asian Financial Crisis in 1997 – 1998, reduction were also displayed in the *SMD* of Malaysia and Singapore after the Global Financial Crisis in 2008. Moreover, results of Random Effects Model signify that stock market liquidity has a significant effect on the *SMD* of ASEAN – 5 countries. On the contagion effect, SUR estimation results show that stock market performance of the United States significantly affects the *SMD* of Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand while the *SMD* of Indonesia and Philippines are affected by considering interaction term. Based on the findings, this study proposes to the policymakers the use of financial institutions reformation, bilateral banking integration, financial support mechanism and revision on crisis management frameworks as the precautionary measures against financial crisis. Moreover, ASEAN – 5 should encourage long – term investment, lowering investment costs and reforms the corporate governance in enhancing stock market liquidity. To reduce the contagion effects particularly from the US, macroeconomic policies responses, trade openness and the inspiration towards an integrated stock market are suggested for ASEAN – 5 countries.

Keywords: stock market development, ASEAN – 5, crises, stock market liquidity, contagion.

ABSTRAK

Kajian ini mengkaji kesan krisis kewangan, kecairan pasaran saham dan penularan ke atas pembangunan pasaran saham (*SMD*) di negara-negara ASEAN – 5 menggunakan data panel agregat bagi tempoh 1990 – 2014. Analisis perbandingan min digunakan untuk menguji perbezaan *SMD* bagi tempoh pra – dan pasca – krisis. Analisis panel tradisional digunakan untuk menguji kesan kecairan pasaran saham ke atas *SMD*. Seterusnya, Analisis *Seemingly Unrelated Regression* (SUR) digunakan untuk mengkaji kesan penularan prestasi pasaran saham Amerika Syarikat ke atas *SMD* negara – negara ASEAN – 5. Keputusan analisis perbandingan min menunjukkan perbezaan signifikan bagi *SMD* di Malaysia, Thailand dan Singapura selepas Krisis Kewangan Asia pada tahun 1997 – 1998, penurunan juga turut dipaparkan di *SMD* Malaysia dan Singapura selepas Krisis Kewangan Global pada tahun 2008. Selain itu, keputusan analisis Model Kesan Rawak menunjukkan kecairan pasaran saham mempunyai kesan signifikan ke atas *SMD* negara ASEAN – 5. Berkenaan dengan kesan penularan, anggaran model SUR menunjukkan prestasi pasaran saham Amerika Syarikat mempunyai kesan yang signifikan ke atas *SMD* di Malaysia, Singapura dan Thailand manakala *SMD* di Indonesia dan Filipina terkesan dengan mempertimbangkan terma interaksi. Berdasarkan penemuan, kajian ini mencadangkan kepada penggubal dasar untuk melaksanakan reformasi dalam institusi kewangan, integrasi perbankan dua hala, mekanisme sokongan kewangan dan semakan rangka pengurusan krisis sebagai langkah bagi menghadapi krisis kewangan. Selain itu, ASEAN – 5 juga harus menggalakkan pelaburan jangka panjang, mengurangkan kos pelaburan dan memperbaharui tadbir urus korporat untuk meningkatkan kecairan pasaran saham. Bagi tujuan mengurangkan kesan penularan terutamanya dari Amerika Syarikat, maklum balas dasar makroekonomi, keterbukaan perdagangan dan inspirasi ke arah pasaran saham bersepadu adalah dicadangkan untuk negara – negara ASEAN – 5.

Kata Kunci: pembangunan pasaran saham, ASEAN – 5, krisis, kecairan pasaran saham, penularan.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviation	Full Meaning
AFC	Asia Financial Crisis
ARCH	Autoregressive Conditional Heteroskedasticity
ASEAN	Association of South East Asian Nation
CRT	Credit to Private Sector by Banks
DUM	Dummy
EAS	East Asia Summit
EU	European Union
FEM	Fixed Effects Model
GARCH	Generalized Autoregressive Conditional Heteroskedasticity
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
INF	Inflation
INT	Interest
IPO	Initial Public Offering
LIQ	Stock Market Liquidity
MCAP	Market Capitalization
MRI	Market Index
REM	Random Effects Model
SAV	Total Saving
SMD	Stock Market Development
SUR	Seemingly Unrelated Regression
TAC	Treaty of Amity and Cooperation
UK	United Kingdom
US	The United States of America
USD	United States Dollar
VAR	Vector Autoregressive

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.0 Introduction

This chapter explains the background of the study. In Section 1.1, the overview of the Association of South East Asian Nations – 5 (ASEAN – 5), the Asian Financial Crisis (AFC) and Global Financial Crisis (GFC), macro facts of stock market development (SMD), stock market liquidity and contagion effects are described. Then, Section 1.2 serves the problem statement; Section 1.3 presents the research questions which are then translated into research objective in Section 1.4; Section 1.5 highlights the scope and significance of the study; while the organisation of the study is explained in the last section.

1.1 Background of the Study

Stock market is a part of the financial market in the overall financial system. It provides different sources of financial instruments to the country through stock trading activities. Also, stock market can be used by the government and private firms for sourcing new and additional finances for new and expanding commercial or industrial projects. It is one of the most sensitive markets which affects the economic conditions of a country such that any aggressive changes in the stock market could give a significant implications to the economy (Barakat, Elgazzar, & Hanafy, 2016). Thus, stock market should be continuously developed for increasing capital formation, improving domestic financial resource mobilization, enhancing supply of long-term capital and achieving competent allocation of capital (Chipaumire & Ngirande, 2014).

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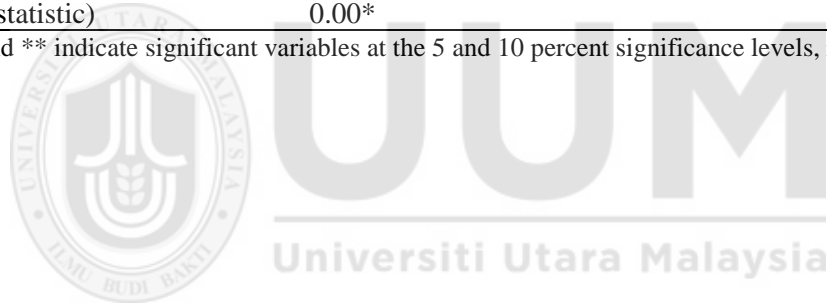
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APPENDIX A

Pooled Mean Group Estimation Results

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
<i>C</i>	63.96	17.66	3.62	0.00*
<i>LIQ</i>	0.05	0.01	4.51	0.00*
<i>GDP</i>	-0.03	0.01	-5.23	0.00*
<i>INT</i>	-2.98	1.09	-2.73	0.01*
<i>INF</i>	-1.72	0.93	-1.85	0.07**
<i>SAV</i>	101.72	22.48	4.53	0.00*
<i>CRT</i>	0.72	0.14	5.01	0.00*
<i>DUM</i>	-39.21	12.82	-3.06	0.00*
Diagnostic Test				
R-squared	0.57			
Adjusted R-squared	0.55			
S.E. of regression	49.81			
F-statistic	22.48			
Prob(F-statistic)	0.00*			

Note: * and ** indicate significant variables at the 5 and 10 percent significance levels, respectively.



APPENDIX B

Fixed Effects Estimation Results

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
<i>C</i>	68.34	19.25	3.55	0.00*
<i>LIQ</i>	0.34	0.09	3.85	0.00*
<i>GDP</i>	-0.01	0.01	-1.78	0.08**
<i>INT</i>	-0.26	0.97	-0.27	0.79
<i>INF</i>	0.27	0.86	0.32	0.75
<i>SAV</i>	57.57	23.75	2.42	0.02*
<i>CRT</i>	0.22	0.23	0.98	0.33
<i>DUM</i>	-31.28	10.02	-3.12	0.00*

Fixed Effects (Cross)

<i>_M--C</i>	62.05
<i>_I--C</i>	-45.24
<i>_T--C</i>	-39.18
<i>_P--C</i>	-27.94
<i>_S--C</i>	50.31

Effects Specification

R-squared	0.76
Adjusted R-squared	0.74
F-statistic	33.08
Prob(F-statistic)	0.00

Note: * and ** indicate significant variables at the 5 and 10 percent significance levels, respectively.